

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 7:12p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant, Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria L. Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk and Jeannelle Wallace, City Administrator;

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Deacon Taylor

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the Public Session Agenda. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve the Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 2, 2018. The motion was carried and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Love and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes for Monday, April 2, 2018. The motion was carried and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 9, 2018. The motion was carried and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Constant Yield Hearing Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 9, 2018. The motion was carried and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 9, 2018. The motion was carried and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes for Saturday, April 14, 2018. The motion was carried and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. None

3. LEGISLATION

3.1. Ordinance O-18-19 Amendment of Chapter 15-Vehicles and Traffic was introduced by the City Council on Monday, June 4, 2018 and read by the City Clerk. The second reading was held on Monday, June 18, 2018. It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve Ordinance O-18-19. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

3.2. Ordinance O-18-20 Amendment of Chapter 20-Fees and Charges was introduced by the City Council on Monday, June 4, 2018 and read by the City Clerk. The second reading was held on Monday, June 18, 2018. It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve Ordinance O-18-20. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

3.3. Ordinance O-18-21 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget was introduced by the City Council on Monday, June 4, 2018 and read by the City Clerk. The second reading was held on Monday, June 18, 2018. It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve Ordinance O-18-21. The motion carried and was unanimously approved

4. REPORTS:

4.1. Council President Report

- Council President Yeargin and the City Council provided hard copies of the Council President report for the month of May 2018 to the residents that were present.

4.2. Mayor Eugene W. Grant

- Mayor Grant stated that he wanted to start off thanking Mrs. Wallace and the team for the participation at the MML Summer Conference.
- Mayor Grant thanked the City Council for the participation in the Public Engagement give-away. The same person one this year as with last year. The Clerk of the Prince George's County Council won last year and this year.
- The City of Seat Pleasant is the first small Smart Cities in the United States with a shared service hub. The type of initiative could only come about with the joint efforts of the Mayor and Council.
- Mayor Grant stated that the Mayor and Council may not always agree, but we disagree in a cordial manner. Our purpose of being here is to represent the citizens of Seat Pleasant. We are turning the city around, and we are seeing it reflective in the Police and Public Works Department. We have received compliments from residents about the police department and the cleanness of the city. The City is cleaner than it has been in some time.
- The NCC Inspector is working with the Commercial District to ensure that they work with us with regards to cleaning the area.
- The new public works uniforms are on the staff with new reflective to ensure that they are seen on the sides of the street.
- The CGS was in the booth, the iPhone displaying the MY Seat Pleasant App and we received a lot of compliments and inquiry about each. The App helps the City to keep track of the request and responses. We had the virtual reality of two cases, active shooter and robbery, we had the flight simulator, and to fly the drones you will need to have a pilot licenses.

- The Director of Public Engagement requested the Mayor to stop eliminating the discussion on the drones, as there are many types of drones. The next five years jobs have not been invented, and we need to understand that technology is going to play a part of the job market.
- The City of Seat Pleasant needs to create the opportunity to ensure the residents are prepared to take advantage of the opportunities.
- The Governor visited the booth and was greeted by the City Council and staff before entering the booth. We launched our new website on Monday, June 11, 2018, the website is more interactive, please encourage your resident to go onto the website. We will continue to update the information.
- We will have a visit by the Governor in July to learn about the CGS and the senior staff members will be in attendance of the meeting.
- The County Council did not give us the requested amount, but they gave the City \$100,000. The current County Executive worked against the City to get the requested funding. It was sphere headed by Councilmember's Toles, Andrea Harrison and Mel Franklin mainly Harrison and Franklin.
- We have a signing in the Council Chambers with the Prince Georges Community College and the Chambers of Commerce to provide training for the Smart City Training. The purpose is to deploy the technology for the sensors and repair to the sensor and technology that will be coming to our community.
- Senator Muse pushed the legislation for Free Community College in the state of Maryland. We do not want to be left behind. Mayor Grant stated that we will not lose our community as we continue to work together as a team, but it will if the people do not fall asleep.
- We are proposing the tax freeze on the residents that have resided in the City for forty-years or more. We are planning a financial planning source to educate the community on paying bills, savings, death taxes.
- The partnership with the University of Oklahoma is five pieces to understand the definition of a smart city, they are working on certification of the smart city, the evaluation of a smart city, how do you define a public engagement department, public engagement is most important piece of the government to engage the people, identifying grant funding and to open Technical Center in the Innovation Village when it is built.

- Prince George's Community College is the work-force.
- The USDA Report, the swing space is near completion. We are hoping that the County will come in to approve the Use and Occupancy Permit. We had a meeting with USDA at the MML Conference and the attorney has issued an apology after Mayor Grant expressed his displeasure.
- We are having a Father's Day Cook-Out on tomorrow, at 1:00pm in Goodwin Park.
- Mayor Grant stated that he cannot express his gratitude enough for the Council for the review and approval of the proposals, budgets and contracts on behalf the City.
- Mayor Grant thanked Councilmember Love and Sistrunk for the monthly meetings being held.
- Mayor Grant stated that it is unfortunate that some of the resident refuse to participate in the meetings because they believe that we are still fighting in the meetings. The reality is we are working together. We have eliminated the foolishness and the cantankerousness.

4.3. Chief Operating Officer Report-Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Operating Officer Report

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the administration has been working on a lot of projects and it takes a team effort to get a lot of the projects done.
- We have received a lot of positive compliments in Ocean City on the team work of the staff. We put a lot work in attending the session, it is not about the fun.
- They attended the Hot Button Legal Issues, with the City Attorney was the speaker of the class. The open meetings do not allow a resident or person to disrupt the meeting.
- There are cities that are sanctuary cities that have lost funding from the Federal Government.
- The city's need to have anti-harassment policy, and the City of Seat Pleasant has strong Anti-Harassment Policy that is in-line with the recommendation.
- The staff hosted an All- Day Staff Retreat on Friday, May 18, 2018, focused on Communication with a facilitator J. Lynn Consultant Group. They discussed the Five C's of Communication, Courage, Character, Confidence.
- The Finance Department report shows that the City has far exceeded the budgeted revenues.

- We received a reward in Ocean City for the My Seat Pleasant App.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Request to Increase Goodwin Park Rental Fees

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the revised application increases the rental fees to include Organization, Permit, do not include the fees for staff from Public Works and Police Department.
- Mayor Grant stated that on page 4 Revoking of Applications, where a person state they have 150 people, but more show-up, parking on the grass will receive a citation, additional parking can be on the street. We will inform the residents of the event.
- Include a telephone number for after-hours on the application, park capacity, the event sponsors need to have a plan in place to turn people away when they reach capacity.
- Include information/language on ticket sale, deposit will be forfeited in the event of a breach of contract.
- The City Council requested for the revision to be made to the application and added to the Regular Work Session Agenda on July 2, 2018.

6.2. Small Wireless Facility Discussion

- Mayor Grant stated that the telecom industry presented to the City Council about a year ago. The Mayor and City Council agreed to pass legislation to approve the small cells short range coming into the city.
- They took a different route and sought help from the General Assembly, and the FCC has not provided a ruling on this matter. If the concern is cancerous, the FCC would have ruled on it by now.
- We are working on the legislation to be passed by the City Council. We are negotiating with them that if the City Council approves the legislation for the installation of the small cell, what will the city gain from allowing them to install the small cell.
- Mayor Grant wanted them to begin construction within 50 days, and there are other things we can request. It is important to the City because we will be the first in the State of Maryland to offer 5G network. When you're talking about 5G network, you stream at the same time without any interruption of the data.
- The City Attorney has requested from MML what the telecom Industry had offered other municipalities.

7 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Naomi Bowman-71st Ave, Seat Pleasant, MD stated that the Ward V meetings has been outstanding and Councilmember Sistrunk is helpful in all directions and questions on forms. The Seat Pleasant Police Department responding to the accident immediately and the Public Works staff are awesome and respectful.
- Catherine Hutton-64th Ave., Seat Pleasant, MD had written concerns regarding the food bank workers impeding traffic on 64th Avenue and G Street.
- Katrina Robinson-Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD wanted to know why the Councilmember do not attend the Ward II and Ward V Monthly meetings? Mayor Grant informed Mrs. Robinson that the Councilmember's have full-time jobs.

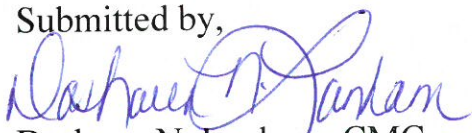
8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. City Council Retreat, Friday, June 22, 2018, 1803 Brightseat Rd., Hyattsville, MD from 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m.**
- 8.2. Ward V Clean-Up, Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.**
- 8.3. Ward III Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, June 30, 2018, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 11:00a.m.**
- 8.4. Regular Work Session, Monday, July 2, 2018, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 8.5. Public Safety Awards Ceremony, Friday, July 6, 2018, Camelot 13901 Central Ave., Upper Marlboro, MD at 7:00p.m.**
- 8.6. Mayor's First Annual Bike Rodeo, Saturday, July 7, 2018 from Goodwin Park to Seat Pleasant Elementary School from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.**
- 8.7. Public Session, Monday, July 9, 2018, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

9. ADJOURN-

The Public Session meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC

City Clerk